



The Australian Davis Cup Tennis Foundation News

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Australia defeats USA 3-2



*Lleyton Hewitt is doing a great job fostering team spirit amongst his players and their support staff and it is encouraging to see **Nick Kyrgios** seemingly enjoying his tennis in the Davis Cup and supporting his team mates.*

Can Australia go all the way this year? We won last in 2003.

Congratulations to the Australian Davis Cup team of Nick Kyrgios, Jordan Thompson, Sam Groth, John Peers and Captain Lleyton Hewitt on their upset victory over the powerful USA team at the Pat Rafter Arena in Brisbane on 7th - 9th April.

The tie started very well for the hosts with Jordan Thompson defeating the top ranked USA player, Jack Sock, in 4 sets. Nick Kyrgios then beat John Isner in straight sets to give us a perfect start.

The USA kept the tie alive with a 5 set win in the doubles but Kyrgios secured the victory on the third day with a close straight sets win over Sam Querrey. Sam Groth lost the dead 5th rubber to Isner to give Australia a 3-2 victory.

The players thanked the crowd for their very vocal support with our members, "the fanatics" and the new group "we the people" all there to encourage the Aussie team.



Australia v USA

World Group Quarter-Final tie held at Pat Rafter Arena, Brisbane 7th - 9th April 2017

Jordan Thompson d Jack Sock 6-3 3-6 7-6 6-4.

Nick Kyrgios d John Isner 7-5 7-6 7-6.

Sam Groth/John Peers lost to **Jack Sock/Steve Johnson** 6-3 3-6 2-6 6-2 3-6

Nick Kyrgios d Sam Querrey 7-6 6-3 6-4.

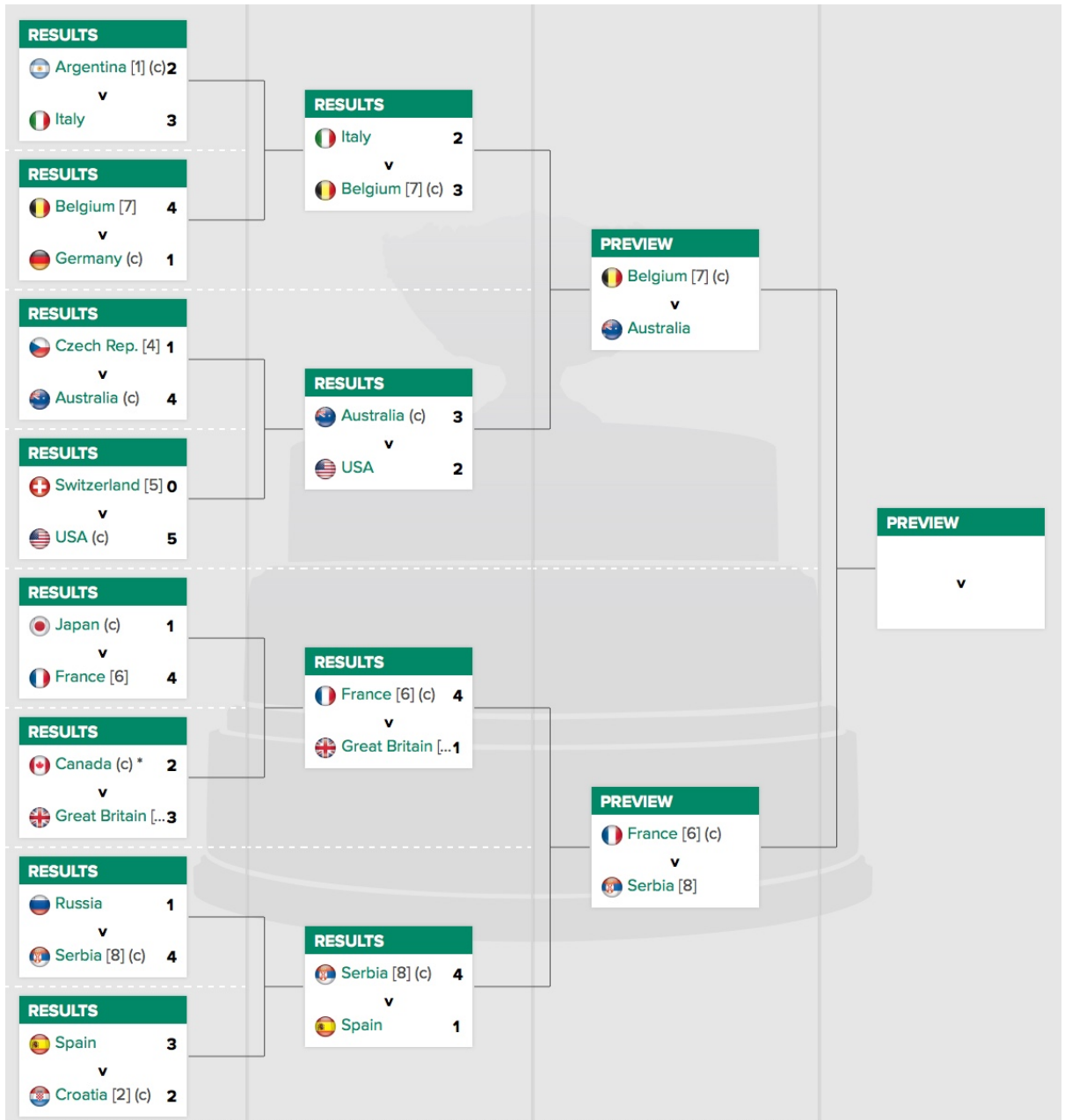
Sam Groth lost to **John Isner** 6-7 3-6.

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ADCTF Dinner at Brisbane Tie

Seventy-five ADCTF members and guests got together on the Saturday evening of the tie for a very pleasant dinner at the Pullman Brisbane.

The dinner saw the launch of the ADCTF fund-raising raffle (details on back page) but the highlight was the Davis Cup trivia quiz conducted by Rob Hinton and won by table "Norman Brookes".

Thanks to Donna Low and Anna White for organising this function.



Next Tie - Belgium 15th-17th September

Australia's next match will be a semi-final tie to be played in Belgium. Members will be advised of ticketing arrangements as soon as possible and Bentleigh Travel will be organising a tour for ADCTF members.

Ian Jane (Director of Bentleigh Travel) advises as follows: "Tennis Australia advise it will be the 2nd of May or later before Belgium must provide a venue but Belgium being a small country, it should be feasible to do the tennis and pay homage to one or two war memorial sites including overnighting in Bruges and then flying to Portugal for a visit to Porto and Lisbon. I am planning for the entire trip to be around 2 week's duration."



The Belgian team will be led by world #14 David Goffin but the Australian team must be given a good chance of winning this tie and progressing to a home final.

Davis Cup organisation

The Foundation occasionally receives criticism about the dates for a tie, the choice of venue, the late notice for ticketing and even the TV coverage!

It seems that some members are not aware that our role is purely that of a support group for the Australian Davis Cup team. Tie dates are set each year by the ITF and the choice of venue and ticketing are the responsibility of Tennis Australia which has to work under the sometimes very tight deadlines and requirements of the ITF.



Australia in Junior Davis Cup Finals

The Junior Davis Cup Finals will be held in Budapest, Hungary from 18-23 September 2017.

Australia finished runner-up in the Junior Davis Cup by BNP Paribas Asia / Oceania Final Qualifying event and so have qualified for the finals.

Australia finishing second behind Japan with Chinese Taipei and China also progressing to the September showpiece in Budapest, Hungary.



ADCTF Fund-Raising Raffle 2017

The ADCTF is having a fund-raising raffle with 3 fabulous prizes including a 2018 Hopman Cup package covering flights accommodation and tickets. Prizes are valued at \$4300. Full details are in the flyer sent out with this newsletter and on the website.

The raffle will be drawn at a Wimbledon Dinner function being organised by the Foundation at the Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club on Saturday 15th July.

Members are encouraged to support the raffle either by purchasing tickets or ordering a book of tickets for sale. Further details of the dinner will be notified in due course but it is anticipated that the evening will include the broadcast of a match from Wimbledon.

ATP Rankings at 18.4.17

Nick Kyrgios	15
Bernard Tomic	43
Jordan Thompson	79
James Duckworth	104
John Millman	119
Andrew Whittington	176
Marc Polmans	193
Sam Groth	199